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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : E. Henry Stevens  
Application No. : 10/086,655 Conf No.: 8295  
Filed : February 28, 2002  
For : PROCESS AND MANUFACTURING TOOL  
ARCHITECTURE FOR USE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF  
ONE OR MORE PROTECTED METALLIZATION  
STRUCTURES ON A WORKPIECE

Docket No. : 2919588174US1

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment filed with the parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/076,565, a copy of which is enclosed, hereby elects under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

Assignee hereby appoints JERRY A. RIEDINGER, Registration No. 30,582; MAURICE J. PIRIO, Registration No. 33,273; MICHAEL D. BROADDUS, Registration No. 41,637; CATHERINE HONG TRAN, Registration No. 43,960; ROBERT G. WOOLSTON, Registration No. 37,263; PAUL T. PARKER, Registration No. 38,264; JOHN M. WECHKIN, Registration No. 42,216; CHRISTOPHER DALEY-WATSON, Registration No. 34,807; STEVEN D. LAWRENZ, Registration No. 37,376; JAMES A.D. WHITE, Registration No. 43,985; EDWARD S. HOTCHKISS, Registration

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned duly authorized designee of Assignee certifies that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed, specifically the Assignment to Semitool, Inc. filed concurrently herewith for recording, a copy of which is attached hereto, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

Semitool, Inc.

MAY 6 2002

Date

William A. Freeman

Senior Vice President, Finance and CFO

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Enclosure:

Copy of Assignment

## ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, I, the undersigned Inventor, have invented certain new and useful improvements in:

PROCESS AND MANUFACTURING TOOL ARCHITECTURE FOR USE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF ONE OR MORE  
PROTECTED METALLIZATION STRUCTURES ON A WORKPIECE

(Hereinafter referred to as "Inventions") for which I am making application for Letters Patent in the United States of America;

And, whereas I desire to assign a 100% undivided interest in said Inventions, said application disclosing the Inventions and any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor to Semitool, Inc., and whereas Semitool, Inc. is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the same;

Now, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged;

I hereby assign, sell and transfer the entire right, title and interest in said Inventions, said application, including any divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States, and countries foreign thereto, which may be granted for said Inventions, and in and to any and all priority rights, Convention rights, and other benefits accruing or to accrue to me with respect to the filing of applications for patents or securing of patents in the United States and countries foreign thereto, unto Semitool, Inc.;

Semitool, Inc. is hereby authorized to apply for patents relating to the Inventions in its own name in countries where such procedure is proper; to claim the benefit of the International Convention; to file and prosecute international applications relating to the Inventions under the Patent Cooperation Treaty; and to file and prosecute applications to the Inventions under the European Patent Convention; and I agree to execute applications relating to the Inventions in those countries and under those conventions where it is necessary that the same be executed by the inventor;

I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said United States Letters Patent to Semitool, Inc., as assignee of the whole right, title and interest thereto;

I further agree to execute all necessary and lawful future documents, including assignments in favor of Semitool, Inc. or its designees as Semitool, Inc. or its assignees may from time-to-time present to me in order to perfect title in said Invention, applications and Letters Patent of the United States and countries foreign thereto;

I further agree to sign and properly execute such necessary and lawful papers for application for foreign patents, for filing divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application for patent, and/or, for obtaining any reissue or reissues of any Letters Patent which may be granted for my aforesaid Invention, as Semitool, Inc. thereof shall hereafter require and prepare at its own expense.

Executed this 11 day of May in the year 1998

At Kalispell, Montana  
(city) (state)

E. Henry Stevens  
E. Henry Stevens  
Inventor

State of Montana  
County of Flathead )ss

Before me personally appeared E. Henry Stevens, who acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be a free act and deed and also represented that he or she is authorized to execute the same this 11 day of May, in the year 98.

Janet M. Zurek  
Notary Public for the State of Montana  
residing at Kalispell  
My Commission Expires on 1-14-03

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